

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-19 are pending herein. Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 3-5. No new matter has been added. In view of the above claim addition and the following remarks, Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending Claims.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 3-19 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chisum (U.S. Patent 5,341,575 in view of Ham (U.S. Patent 5,343,628), Venalainen 5,634,368 and Weidmann et al. (U.S. Patent 5,848,477). Applicant traverses these rejections for the reasons stated below.

Applicant's invention, as defined by the amended claims relates to a measurement apparatus for vehicle body alignment work, which measurement apparatus includes a ball-hole joint between the parts 41 and 42. The holes are situated in different angular positions, so that the part 42 can be turned into different angular positions. In a corresponding manner, there is a ball-hole joint between the parts 42 and 43 in different length positions of the part 43 and, in addition in different angular positions between the parts 42 and 43. The final measurement information is obtained as a combination of the measurement data C1, C2, C3 and C4 as well as C5 as show in Fig. L1 which accompanys this amendment. None of the prior art references cited by the Examiner discloses a corresponding combination and, moreover, the ball-hole joint enables the difference positions to be accomplished.



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Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

A petition for a two-month extension of time with the requisite fee is attached herewith.

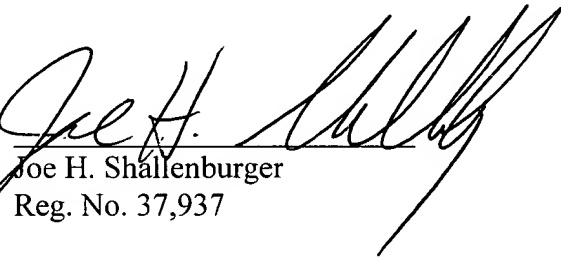
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Should any changes to the claims and/or specification be deemed necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to discuss the same.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited

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